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**Draft Local Plan 2045**

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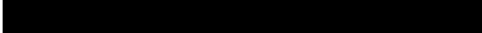
To:   
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Dear Canterbury Council,

We have read with interest your new draft local plan. While we approve of, and commend certain of your proposals, such as the intention to protect Blean Woods and its immediate environment, there are others which fill us with alarm.

In particular we refer to the Transport Topic Paper. We had been pleased to note in Policy SS3 that Rough Common is identified as an "important rural settlement" and there is a need to protect its rural character.

However, we were then troubled to see that in SS4 you quote a need for "upgrades at the A2 junction at Harbledown and Rough Common Road". When we read the Transport Topic Paper, it then appeared that you plan to down grade the existing Canterbury ring road and create a new outer ring road , which would take all the heavy traffic circling Canterbury. From your report it would seem that you intend to transform Rough Common Road into part of this outer ring road.

If this is indeed so, the consequences would be appalling. We have lived in  and have seen Rough Common road develop from a quiet road into a well used "rat run". However, the traffic is still moderate, and heavy goods vehicles are forbidden. If this road were to be made a main traffic highway, the character of this residential suburb would be devastated and all the surrounding houses would be subject to the noise and air pollution, which you say elsewhere that you wish to avoid.

The idea of an outer ring road is good, but make it a full double carriageway further out, across open land, away from existing residential areas.

yours sincerely,

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